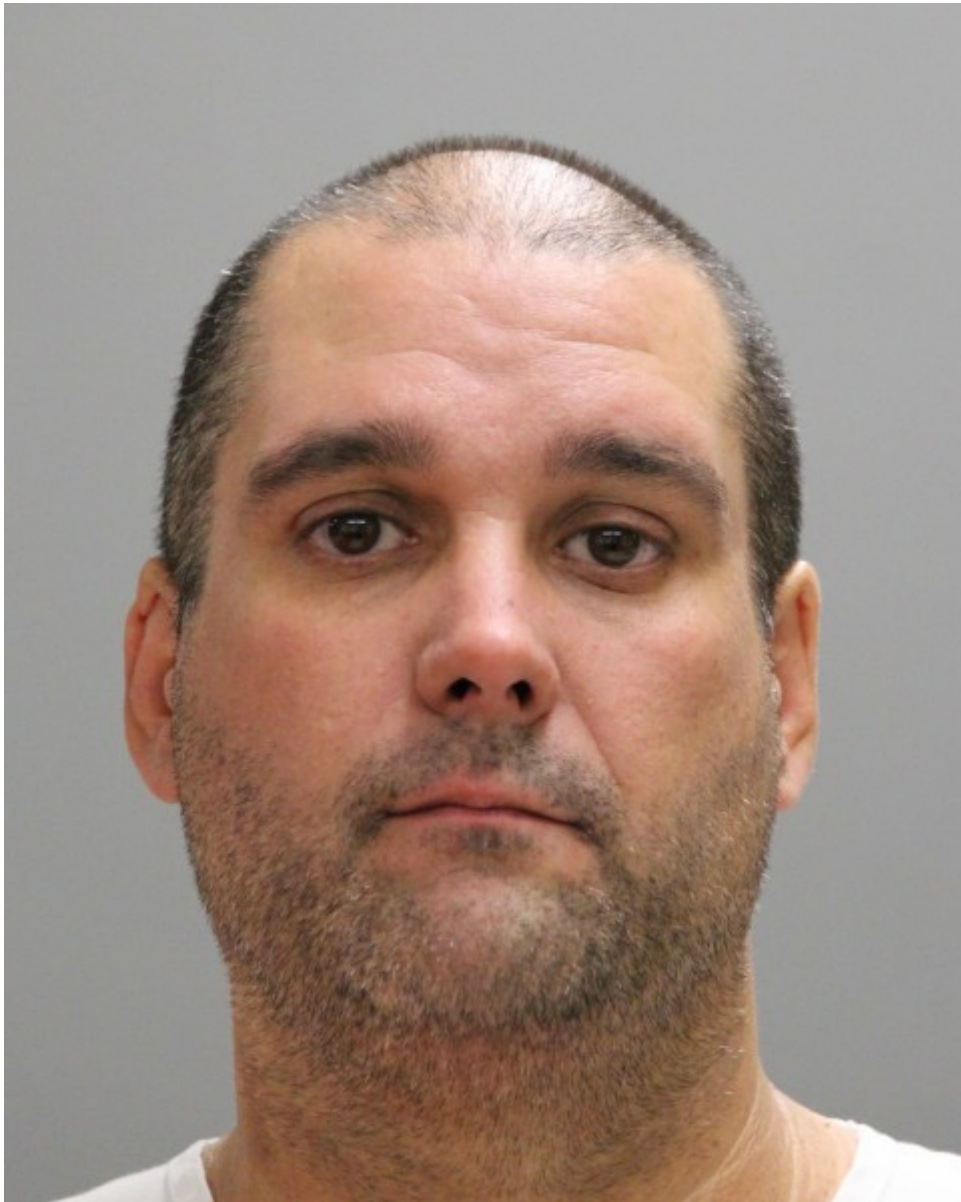


Couple Arrested After Traffic Stop Nets Heroin



Ginna M. Grocki



Charles W. Pernot III

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Smyrna – A Dover couple was arrested for illegal drug possession after heroin was located during a traffic stop.

Troopers and Probation Officers assigned to the Kent County Governor's Task Force conducted a traffic stop on a Hyundai Sonata south of Smyrna Thursday March 2, 2017 around 4:25 p.m. after they learned that the occupants had been involved in recent drug transaction. Upon conducting the stop, **Ginna M.**

Grocki, 32, was contacted in the driver's seat, while **Charles W. Pernot III**, 42, was in the passenger's seat. A computer check revealed Grocki's driver's license was suspended and both were on probation. Grocki and Pernot were asked to exit the vehicle, and upon doing so, Grocki was observed to have a large bulge in the front of her pants. When questioned numerous times if the bulge was in fact drugs, Grocki continued to answer no, but it eventually removed a large plastic bag containing 338 bags of heroin (2.366 grams). Three additional bags were located in Grocki's bra upon being searched by a female trooper, along with six bags being located in her purse (total 347 bags, 2.429 grams).

Ginna Grocki and Charles Pernot were both transported back to Troop 3 where Grocki was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Heroin), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin), Tampering with Physical Evidence, Hindering Prosecution, Conspiracy 2nd, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was additionally charged with Tampering with Physical Evidence, Promoting Prison Contraband, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after she arrived at Delores J. Baylor Women's Correctional Institution and was found to be in possession of another 12 bags of heroin (.084 grams) during a more invasive search. She was committed to the women's prison on \$55,500.00 secured bond.

Charles Pernot was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance (Heroin), Possession of a Controlled Substance (Heroin), Conspiracy 2nd, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was arraigned at JP2 and committed to James T. Vaughn Correctional Center on \$52,500 secure bond.

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